

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendment, claim 3 has been canceled. Thus, claims 1-2 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

I. Allowed Claims

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1 and 2.

II. Objections to the Specification

The Office Action objected to the specification because the abstract contained more than one paragraph and included reference numbers and because the specification did not include a heading "Summary of the Invention." The specification has been amended responsive to this objection. If any further amendment is required to overcome this objection, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative.

III. Rejection of Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-patentable subject matter because it claims "an information-processing program" which can be interpreted as mere computer code. Claim 3 has been canceled responsive to this rejection.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending are in allowable form. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the

outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 024629-00009.

Respectfully submitted,

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